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In response to the Final Office Action dated January 14, 2002, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 14, 2002, please enter the following amendments and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 7 without prejudice and amend claims 1 and 29 as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus for processing substrates, comprising:
 - a) a transfer chamber comprising one or more process access ports;
 - b) one or more load lock chambers disposable about the transfer chamber;
 - c) one or more process chambers disposable about the transfer chamber;
 - d) a plumbing tray disposable adjacent the transfer chamber and having facility connections for each process chamber and load lock chamber; and

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